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S.B. No. 1226

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to a study of the reporting requirements imposed on public  
3 institutions of higher education.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

5 SECTION 1. Section 61.051, Education Code, is amended by  
6 adding Subsection (a-4) to read as follows:

7 (a-4) The board and the Legislative Budget Board jointly  
8 shall study each reporting requirement imposed on an institution of  
9 higher education by state law, including by board or other state  
10 agency rule, to determine if any of those requirements are  
11 duplicative, inefficient, or unnecessary. As part of the biennial  
12 report submitted by the board to the 80th Legislature under  
13 Subsection (a-3), the board and the Legislative Budget Board  
14 jointly shall report the results of the study to the legislature.  
15 The report must include any recommendation of the board and the  
16 Legislative Budget Board for legislation or administrative action,  
17 including changes to state agency rules, to consolidate or simplify  
18 reports, eliminate unnecessary reporting requirements, or make  
19 other changes to promote efficiency or reduce administrative  
20 burdens in reporting. A recommendation under this subsection must  
21 include an explanation of the basis for the recommendation. Not  
22 later than December 1, 2006, the board and the Legislative Budget  
23 Board shall submit a copy of the report required by this subsection  
24 to the governor, lieutenant governor, and the speaker of the house

1 of representatives. This subsection expires January 31, 2007.

2 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
3 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
4 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
5 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
6 Act takes effect September 1, 2005.